

professed their belief in our Lord. All his children were baptized by their reverend father and were settled in life before his departure. With the Clinton Church he preached his first sermon in this state and in the fellowship of that church he died. His last illness was brought about by excessive labors and exposure. His death occurred on August 13, 1867, after an illness of several months due to the above causes. He was sadly missed and mourned by the Abing-ton Baptist Association.

We now come to the merger of the Griswold and Curtis families, by the marriage of Louisa Griswold, daughter of Francis, to Henry Banning Curtis, son of Rev. Henry Curtis. They were married Apr. 21, 1851. Born to them were eleven children: Elizabeth, Francis, William, Harriet, George and Augusta, twins, Laura, Arthur and Amanda. Two died in early childhood. Elizabeth married Albert Corey, Francis married Rena Stanton, William married Marie Peterson, Harriet married Milo Gardner, George married Jeanette Geuther, Augusta remained single, Laura married William E. Rude, Arthur married Kathryn Giles and Amanda married Rev. James Patey. Their descendants are too numerous to go into in this narrative. The descendants of these two bloodlines are generally good, industrious, honest, God-fearing and loving people.

Levi Norton's entrance into Clinton was in 1810. He was also a Revolutionary War veteran, born at Goshen, Connecticut, in May 1759, and married Olive Wheeler in 1784. Their family consisted of Warren W., Alva W., Sheldon, Clarissa, and Samuel. Mr. Norton exchanged his "pay certificates" for 3000 acres in Clinton. Levi's son Sheldon was the owner and developer of Ridge Farm. He was born in Connecticut, Nov. 26, 1793, and was married to Harriet, daughter of Grinnell Spencer. Their children were Edmund Kirby, Oscar, Abigail J. and Mary E. Mr. Norton and his son Oscar died suddenly in the west in September 1838. While Sheldon had cleared much of the farm, most of the improvements were made by "E. K." as his son was familiarly called. E. K. Norton and Clarissa McMullen were united in marriage and born to them were: Sheldon, William C., Elizabeth and Emma. E. K. died Oct. 15, 1895 and his wife followed on April 2, 1897. Ridge Farm passed to